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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re Application of: Daniel Brown, et al  
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Filed: October 10, 2000  
Group No.: 2172  
Examiner: Isaac M. Woo  
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Confirmation No.: 5062  
Title: *Rules-Based Notification System*

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in

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their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations, or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner.

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